Budget Estimates of the Coffee Experimental Station.

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Government Order No. I. C. 3284-5—A. & E. 2-25-9, dated 16th November 1925, sanctioning the Budget Estimates of the Coffee Experimental Station for the year 1925-26.

2. Letter No. C. 954—Hc. 248 of 25-26, dated 31st March 1926, from the Director of Agriculture forwarding for the orders of Government the Budget Estimates for 1926-27 of the Coffee Experimental Station as also of the Koleroga Investigation Work.

3. Letter No. I. C. 7883, dated 17th May 1926, to the Director of Agriculture, enquiring whether he has heard definitely from the Coorg Government and the United Planters' Association of South India regarding their contribution towards the expenses of the above Station for the year 1926-27.

4. Statement received from the Amildars of Taluks of Mysore, Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts showing the demand under Coffee Cess for the year 1926-27.

ORDER No. I. C. 196-7—A. & E. 300-25-25, DATED 9TH JULY 1926.

The Director had sent up with the Budget Estimates of the Coffee Experimental Station, the estimates relating to the remedial measures for combating Koleroga and other areca nut diseases. This is not correct. The charges on account of these measures appear under the head "27 Agriculture 5 Miscellaneous", and are in no way connected with the administration of the Coffee Cess and Experimental Station Fund.

2. As regards the budget estimates of the Coffee Experimental Station for 1926-27, it is observed that the Director has furnished no information as to what the revised receipts and expenditure for the year 1925-26 are estimated to be and what will be the probable closing balance for that year. The Director is requested to submit a report to Government in this matter and to furnish similar information while submitting the budget estimates for the Coffee Experimental Station in future years.

3. The budget estimates of receipts and expenditure of the Coffee Experimental Station for the year 1926-27 are sanctioned as shown in the statement appended to this order. In the estimates as now sanctioned, no account is taken of the contributions likely to be given by the Coorg Government and the United Planters' Association, South India, as the Director of Agriculture has not yet submitted his final report in the matter. It is however, presumed that including these probable contributions as also the sum that is expected to be available in the shape of the closing balance of the Coffee Cess and Experimental Station Fund for the year 1925-26, the expenditure as sanctioned for 1926-27 will be well within the amount available for the purpose.

4. As regards the grant payable by the Government, under Section 4 of the Mysore Coffee Cess Regulation, a sum of Rs. 15,000 has been included in the budget for 1926-27. But as it is seen from the statements received from the Amildars of Taluks that a sum of roughly Rs. 16,000 is the estimated receipts under Coffee Cess for the year 1926-27, necessary action will be taken to make available the balance of Rs. 1,000 (to make up Rs. 16,000 payable by the Government).

5. As the major portion of the expenditure for 1926-27 is of a non-recurring nature, the Director is also requested to investigate the question of recurring expenditure in future years and submit a report within three months for the orders of Government.

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